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Ms. Ruth W. Franklin
Chair, CODSIA Operating Committee
National Defense Industrial Association
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Dear Ms. Franklin:

On February 18, 2003, we are kicking off an effort to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DoD Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) and the processes we use to generate, communicate and maintain the regulation. I have directed the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy establish a task force to identify value-based improvements and reductions to the DFARS policies, procedures and processes. The task force has 75 days to develop high-value regulatory and legislative proposals. My mark is to reduce the regulatory burden by 40 to 60 percent and cut the regulation process in half.

Mr. Ron Poussard, Deputy Director for the Defense Acquisition Regulation Directorate will lead the task force. Top-notch people from the Services and defense agencies are now assigned to the team. They'll work full-time to generate proposals by April 30, 2003. During that time, we'll limit our involvement in current regulatory changes to high priority cases supporting DoD's mission, the Administration, and legislative requirements.

I am challenging DoD's acquisition community to take advantage of this opportunity to initiate dramatic improvements to the procurement process; reduce costs and administrative burdens; and foster the generation of creative and innovative ideas. I urge you to endorse a concurrent effort through your representative associations and interact with our task force as we generate valued-added changes to the rules and our processes.

Please contact Mr. Poussard at (703) 602-0302 or Ronald.poussard@osd.mil for more details on the task force plan and schedule.

Sincerely,

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